

31,104 boxes. The make of cheese is likely to be heavier from this on.

#### Butter

Butter exports from Montreal from May 1st to July 2nd, are 109,674 pkgs. as compared with 77,905 pkgs. for the same period of 1901. The total exports from Canada and the United States, however, show a decrease of 777 pkgs. The export market is easier though there is a good business doing in the old country at the recent decline. The Trade Bulletin's summary of last week's trade is as follows:

"The market is decidedly easier and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  lower on the week, sales having transpired to-day of a little over 1,000 pkgs. of choice Eastern Townships creamery at  $19\frac{1}{2}$  here, of which one lot of 150 pkgs. was said to be as fancy a lot as was possible to find; also 500 boxes of finest at  $19\frac{1}{2}$ , and several factories classed as fine sold at  $19\frac{1}{2}$  to  $19\frac{3}{4}$ . A lot of between 80 and 90 pkgs. of good Western creamery sold at  $18\frac{1}{2}$ . Western cream-gathered creamery is not worth as much as fancy Eastern Townships by 1c per lb. nor as much as finest Eastern Townships by  $\frac{1}{2}$  per lb. In Western dairy butter sales of finest selected have been made at  $16\frac{1}{2}$  to  $16\frac{3}{4}$  which is  $\frac{1}{2}$  under sales of a week ago. Medium goods are offered at  $15\frac{1}{2}$ . Sales of finest Western at points of production have transpired at  $15\frac{1}{2}$  to  $15\frac{3}{4}$ ; but buyers expect to get what they require next week at  $15\frac{1}{2}$  to  $15\frac{1}{2}$  l.o.b. The stocks of creamery butter in store here on the first of July were 40,000 pkgs. against 22,000 pkgs. on June 1st. The stocks of dairy butter on the 1st July were 26,000 pkgs. against 17,408 pkgs. on June 1st."

The market here keeps steady with a good demand for choice dairy and creamery. Choice creamery is quoted at  $19\frac{1}{2}$  to  $20\frac{1}{2}$  for prints, and  $19\frac{1}{2}$  to  $19\frac{3}{4}$  for solids. Choice dairy tubs, large and small rolls sells at  $15\frac{1}{2}$  to  $16\frac{1}{2}$  in jobbing lots. On Toronto farmers' market pound rolls bring  $15\frac{1}{2}$  to  $17\frac{1}{2}$  and crocks  $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$  a lb.

#### Wool

The wool market is about the same. Owing to the unfavorable weather the clip has been late in arriving. Canadian pulled is quoted at Montreal at  $17\frac{1}{2}$  to  $18\frac{1}{2}$ , unwashed fleece 8c to 10c and washed  $13\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ . Quotations are unchanged here at  $13\frac{1}{2}$  for washed and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  for unwashed.

#### Cattle

The cattle situation is not so strong as a week ago. There has been a general lowering of values especially for medium and lower grades. Everything of prime quality has held its own. Speaking of last Wednesday's market for beef

steers at Chicago, Clay Robinson & Co. say:

"The market opened steady for the choice grades, but demand was indifferent and later in the day even the best heaves had to sell fully 15 cts. lower. The greatest drop, however, was on the class selling between  $\$7.00$  to  $\$7.85$ , which lost 10 to 25 cts., while the sorts below  $\$7.00$  were 10 to 15 cts. lower. This leaves strictly prime cattle selling in about the same notches as a week ago, but the lower grades are considerably lower.

"A year ago to-day we quoted extra prime heaves at  $\$6.25$  to  $\$6.40$ , with bulk of the good to choice dressed beef, shipping and export steers at  $\$5.00$  to  $\$6.00$ , and common to medium grades at  $\$4.25$  to  $\$5.00$ ."

The receipts of live stock at Toronto cattle market on Friday, were large, comprising 1,240 cattle, 900 hogs, 2,000 sheep and lambs and 164 calves. The fat cattle were not nearly as good in quality as earlier in the week. Prices for all classes of butchers and exporters were easier with the exception of the best butchers which were scarce and firm. A few feeders and stockers are coming forward but the quality might be better. But all are readily picked up. Steers 900 to 1,000 lbs. each sell at  $\$3.90$  to  $\$4.50$  per cwt. Stockers of good quality are scarce and more both of light feeders and stockers would find a ready market, especially if the quality is good. Choice milch cows and springers bring good prices but common stuff is slow of sale.

**Export Cattle.**—Choice loads of heavy shippers are worth from  $\$6.25$  to  $\$7.00$  per cwt., medium exporters  $\$5.85$  to  $\$6.10$ . Heavy export bulls sold at  $\$5.25$  to  $\$5.90$  and light ones at  $\$4.50$  to  $\$5.00$  per cwt., choice export cows sold at  $\$4.85$  to  $\$5.75$  per cwt.

**Butchers' Cattle.**—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1,100 to 1,150 lbs. each, sold at  $\$5.85$  to  $\$6.12\frac{1}{2}$  per cwt. Choice picked lots of butchers' heifers and steers, 925 to 1,025 lbs. each sold at  $\$5.35$  to  $\$5.60$ , good cattle at  $\$5.00$  to  $\$5.25$ , medium at  $\$4.40$  to  $\$5.00$  and inferior to common at  $\$3.00$  to  $\$4.00$  per cwt. Loads of butchers' and exporters' mixed sold at  $\$5.50$  to  $\$5.70$  per cwt.

**Feeders.**—Light steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each, sold at  $\$4.25$  to  $\$5.00$  per cwt.

**Stockers.**—Well bred young steers weighing 400 to 850 lbs. each sold at  $\$3.50$  to  $\$4.75$ , and off colors and those of inferior quality at  $\$2.75$  to  $\$3.50$  per cwt.

**Calves.**—At Toronto market good to choice calves bring  $\$4.50$  to  $\$5.00$  per cwt. and  $\$2.00$  to  $\$8.00$  each.

**Milch Cows.**—These sold at  $\$25$  to  $\$51$  each.

#### Sheep and Lambs.

Owing to the large run of sheep on Friday, prices were easy at quotations. Spring lambs sold at  $\$2.50$  to  $\$4.25$  each and sheep at

$\$3.50$  to  $\$3.85$  per cwt. for ewes, and  $\$2.75$  to  $\$3.00$  for bucks. Spring lambs are quoted at Buffalo at  $\$6.50$  to  $\$7.25$ , and yearlings at  $\$4.50$  to  $\$5.00$  per cwt.

#### Hogs

Hogs advanced a little during the week as we intimated last week. On Friday prices ruled firm at  $\$7$  per cwt. for select bacon hogs and  $\$6.75$  for lights and fats.

For the week ending July 12th, The Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, will pay  $\$7.25$  for select bacon hogs,  $\$7.00$  for lights and  $\$7.00$  for fats.

The Montreal market is steady. Packers there are paying  $\$6.75$  to  $\$7.00$  per cwt. for bacon hogs.

The Trade Bulletin's London cable of July 3rd, re Canadian bacon reads thus:

The market is firmer and higher, at an advance of 3s during the past two weeks.

#### Horses

Owing to moving operations very little business was done at Grand's last week. Friday's sale was withdrawn. Mr. Smith expects to be permanently settled in his new repository on Simcoe street this week. General trade in horses, however, keeps up well for this season of the year.

### Vacation on the Farm

With the first hot blasts from summer's furnace, thoughts turn to the old hill farm. The house itself, low-eaved, weather-beaten, with history written in every time-gray shingle, spreads and clings to the hill-top. Under its low roof you will watch the dawn redden the window-panes, and drowsily listen to the whistle of the quail and the impatient lowing of the cattle, or sometimes to the steady patter of rain and the drip, drip of the eaves-trough. There is Brindle to be given an apple, the old sow to be scratched with a stick into grunting contentment, and the whinny of old Dobbin warns that he must not be forgotten. There are delightful drives, rare woodland retreats, woodgirt ponds to fish, old back pastures blue with berries, rare bits of scenery to be admired anew each day in the belief that you are the first to discover them, rides up from the meadows on big loads of hay, your nostrils filled with the sweet odor the old farm knows. There are long, lazy hours in the orchard, and in the gloaming the drive to the village in quest of the mail, where you realize anew the spice of honest gossip, if only about the weather and the crops. The lover of golf will find natural hazards and bunkers enough to make his favorite game of interest, even though greens be lacking.—Country Life in America.

School teacher: Now, Bobby, spell needle.

Bobby: N-e-i-d-l-e, needle.

Teacher: Wrong. There's no "i" in needle.

Bobby: Well, 'taint a good needle then.—Exchange.

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